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## House Intelligence Committee to Hold Open Hearing on USA PATRIOT Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will hold an open hearing regarding renewal of USA PATRIOT Act provisions within its jurisdiction, including the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and other intelligence-related provisions.

The Committee will hear testimony from a previously-scheduled panel of outside witnesses, which was postponed due to an evacuation of the U.S. Capitol. Last Wednesday, the Committee heard testimony from Deputy Attorney General James B. Comey.

The hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, in Room 2167 (House Committee on Transportation hearing room) of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The panelists are as follows:

Viet Dinh, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, and former Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy

Richard Seamon, Associate Professor of Law, University of Idaho School of Law James X. Dempsey, Executive Director, Center for Democracy and Technology Tim Edgar, National Security Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union